

and was promoted the following year to senior acquisitions librarian. He received awards in 1975, 1976, 1981, and 1985.

BENJAMIN JACOBSON, assistant university librarian for administrative services at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, retired effective January 1.

MARY AGNES SEPANIK, associate director of public services at the University of South Florida, Tampa, since 1974, retires this month. Sepanik joined the library in 1969 as a reference librarian after serving as a school librarian in Illinois and as cataloger/acquisitions librarian at Miami Dade County Community College. She holds an MLS from Rosary College.

ALMA D. STEADING, assistant library director for technical services at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, has retired.

Deaths

HOWARD W. CORDELL, founding director of libraries at Florida International University, Mi-

ami, from 1970 to 1980, died October 21, 1987, at his home in Gainesville. Cordell had also served as government documents librarian on the North Miami Campus of FIU until his retirement in 1986. He had served previously as director of libraries at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and on the staffs of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Florida Atlantic University, and Western Illinois University. Cordell served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and the Korean War.

J. MITCHELL REAMES, retired director of the Francis Marion College Library, Florence, South Carolina, died August 28, 1987.

ANNA KOMON WATERMAN, retired head of the Serials Preservation Section of the Library of Congress, died July 30, 1987, at 84. A native of Vienna, Waterman lived in Prague, Budapest, and Berlin before coming to the United States in 1939. First employed by the Red Cross, she joined the Library in the early 1940s, working in the Card Division before transferring to the Binding Division Office. Waterman also translated European and Slavic language documents for the Federal Research Division of the Library. ■■

NEW

TECHNOLOGY



• Du Pont has introduced a compact disk information system that accesses data on the toxicity and safe exposure levels of thousands of chemicals. DUTOX provides information on physical and chemical data, manufacturers, exposure hazards and standards, toxicity, regulatory requirements, environmental fate, disposal guidelines, emergency handling, and first aid procedures. The information is contained on three databases, two from the Du Pont Haskell Laboratory for Toxicology and Internal Medicine and the third from the National Library of Medicine. A compact disk reader is provided with the service, which also provides subscribers with an annual search or summary by Haskell Laboratory of their choice of chemical not in the database. The system runs on IBMs or compatibles.

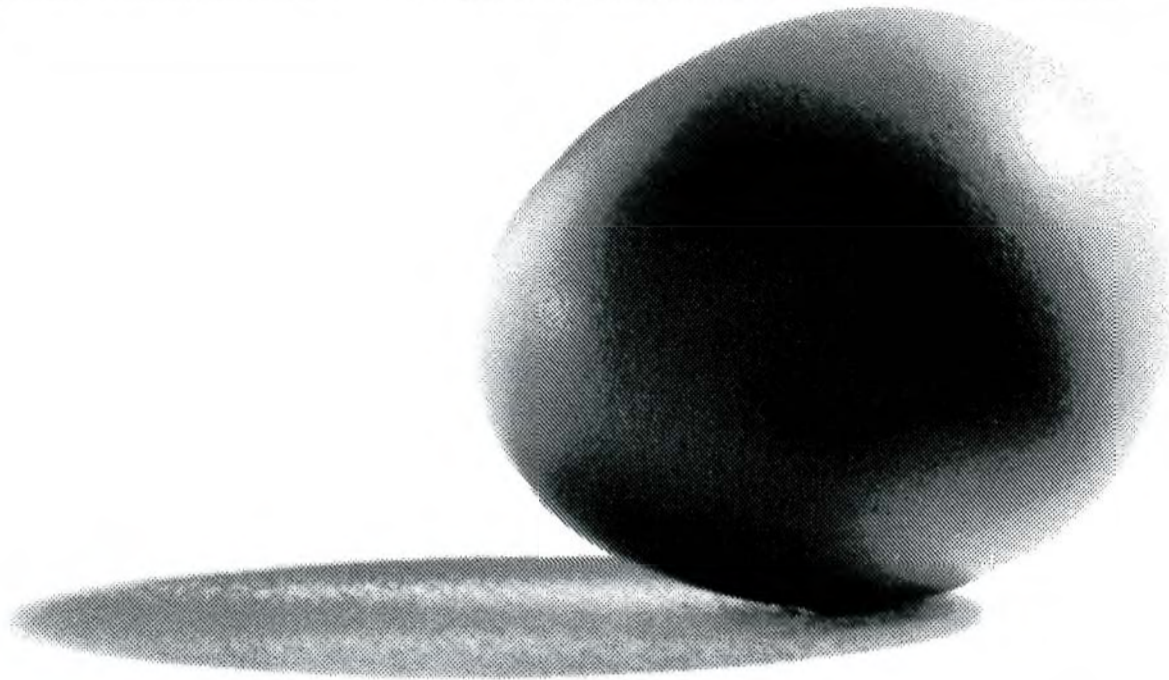
• The Faxon Company is now offering enhanced versions of its automated serials control ser-

vices, MicroLinx and SC-10. MicroLinx v.3.2 offers greater speed and security, as well as such additional search functions as: the ability to sort by call number on claims status reports; the ability to search address and location IDs with any characters, including diacritics and blanks; automatic calculations for the database management utility; and automatic re-display of search requests. The enhancements to the SC-10 system include barcode scanning, a new binding screen, and a more comprehensive display of SC-10 files.

Faxon has also released a software package that transfers selected Faxon invoice data into files readable by Lotus 1-2-3, Symphony, dBASE II, or dBASE III. The software, called FI\$CAL, runs on IBM PCs and PC-compatibles.

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• **Spacesaver Corporation** has introduced the S-Line series of high density mobile filing/storage systems that will fit any room size, overcome architectural constraints, and solve difficult space configurations. The systems range from five feet in length to more than 80 feet, with load capacities from less than 5,000 pounds per carriage, to more than 1,000 pounds per lineal foot. The small manuals can be set on any type of floor, including carpet, and are especially adaptable for cul-de-sacs or other tight spaces. The larger electrical systems have push-button operating controls and passive safety features.

The Yale University Divinity School Library recently installed 8,500 linear feet of Spacesaver's mechanical assist mobile shelving in order to accommodate collection growth for at least 20 years, with only a minimal amount of vertical construction. The total Divinity Library now occupies over 30,000 volumes and space for 320 readers. Some 100,000 volumes, as well as manuscript and archival records, have been located on the mobile system.

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Yale Divinity School Library's technical services area, where a small mobile compact Spacesaver system was installed.

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• **Thomson & Thomson's Trademarkscan**—*Federal* database will be one of the first to utilize DIALOG's new image capability. The database allows DIALOG users to display, type, and save images of the trademark logos and other trademark design elements it contains. The database, available on DIALOG since 1983, provides access to all

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National Library Week, April 17-23

National Library Week will be celebrated April 17-23, 1988, with the theme, "The Card with a Charge...Use Your Library" (or "Charge up at the Library," where there is no card).

ALA's Public Information Office has developed theme materials including four posters, bookmarks, and balloons featuring "charged up" cartoon-style characters. PIO's 1988 *Library Publicity Book* with publicity and promotional ideas is also available.

Other 1988 ALA Graphics products of interest to

academic librarians are the Margaret Sanger and Gandhi additions to the "Great Minds Meet at the Library" poster series, celebrity READ posters of Oprah Winfrey, Phil Collins, Michael J. Fox, and Ruben Blades, notecards featuring ALA poster art from World War I and an enamel pin with the classic "Red Read" graphic.

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